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**PATENT  
DKT 10290**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1623

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For: Soluble, Associative  
Carboxymethylcellulose,  
Method of Making and Uses Thereof

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENTS**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

This response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 11, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application, the period of response extended to July 11, 2007 by a petition for extension of time; please consider the following amendments and remarks.

This response includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1.) Amendment to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this response; and
- 2.) Remarks which begin on page 6 of this response.